Setting up of additional courts

115. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new additional courts in the country for speedy disposal of long pending cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total funds required therefor; and

(c) when these courts are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) With a view to speedy disposal of long pending cases in sessions courts, Government introduced a scheme of Fast Track Courts (FTC) which has been extended upto 31.3.2010. Government has introduced a bill to establish Gram Nyayalayas which will substantially increases number of trial courts in the country.

Appointment of Notaries

116. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications have been received by Government for appointment of Notaries for attestation of documents/affidavits/undertakings, etc.

(b) if so, the details of the applications received, so far during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what is the policy of appointment of Notaries and whether Government are adhering to this policy and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Appointment of a Notary is statutory appointment. The Notaries are appointed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Notaries Act, 1952 and the Notaries Rules, 1956.

Implementation of RTI Act in Supreme Court and High Courts

117. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RTI Act, 2005 has since been implemented in the Supreme Court and in various High Courts in the Country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard including the present status thereof, High Court-wise;

(c) the deviations/exceptions, if any, as compared to the Central Ministries/Departments, subject to which the Act is being implemented by various High Courts; and

(d) the justification for such deviations/exceptions?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (d) As per the information available, the RTI Act , 2005 has been implemented in the Supreme Court. The information in respect of the High Courts is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.